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PREFERABLY MOTOR VEHICLES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56 with respect to the above-captioned patent application.

The Applicant is aware of six references which include disclosures relating to the subject matter claimed in the above-captioned patent application. The first is a United States patent application having Publication No. 2006/087754 AA. The second is a German patent application having publication no. DE 201 06 321 U1. It discloses an external rear view mirror for a motor vehicle. A carrier structure to the construction units of the external rear view mirror is fastened and a two-piece trained housing, whose construction unit wall takes the external rear view mirror off and points generally outward. The trained housing structure can be installed with a certain stress force against each other. The separation joint between the trained housing within the range serves the outside construction unit wall as counter bearing of the stress. The trained housing is fastened to the carrier structure, whereby the trained housing includes an attachment mechanism, to which second trained housing can be fastened by applying a stress force.

The third reference is a Japanese reference having publication number JP 2002337604. It discloses a recessed part in a mirror housing to which the light is emitted from the lamp unit 8. The mirror body 2 includes a housing body 11 and a cover body 10 which is fitted onto the vehicle body.

The fourth reference is a German patent application having publication number DE 94 1056.2. This reference discloses an external rear view mirror for a motor vehicle with a mirror housing. The mirror housing includes an immovably connected carrier in the assigned position with the housing connecting and moves relative to housing-securing detent spring.

The fifth reference is a Japanese patent application having publication number JP 101 81 452. It discloses a mirror holder 1 to which a mirror 5 is attached. The mirror holder 1 is formed at the rear surface side of the mirror 5 with a guide protrusion 11 vertically projected therefrom. The guide protrusion is formed in its tip end part with a tapered part 111. The guide protrusion is formed also with four engaging recesses 12 at four corners parts of a rectangular shape around the guide protrusion 11. The tip end part of a vertical wall 123 in a part of each of the engaging recesses 12 is formed with a guide part 121 in which one of the engaging parts 22, formed in a pivot plate 2, is introduced and which is formed of an inclined surface. The engaging recesses 22 of the pivot plate 2 are located in the outer peripheral part of the pivot plate 2, each being formed of a shaft-like member. An engaging hole 21 is adapted to be engaged with the guide protrusion 11.

The sixth and final reference is a Japanese patent application having publication number JP 2001 233 130. This reference discloses guide means serving as guides when a first cover 1 is assembled to a second cover 2. A bracket 3 is arranged on the first cover 1, the second cover 2, and the bracket 3. As a result, the guide means of the first cover 1 interactively guides with the guide means of the second cover 2 and the guide means of the bracket 3, so that the first cover 1 is assembled to the second cover 2 and the bracket 34.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 or the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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